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SUBJECT : RETAINING MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN BAHRAIN;

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1. ADMIRAL HANKS AND I WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH BAHARNA OCTOBER 7 BUT HE HAS JUST POSTPONED MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 9 DUE TO PRESSING CABINET BUSINESS. HE HAS NOT YET SEEN OUR LATEST PROPOSAL ON BASIS REFTTEL, BUT REITERATED TO ME IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OCTOBER 6 HIS EAGERNESS TO WRAP THIS QUESTION UP QUICKLY.

2. INFORMATION MINISTER CALLED TO MY ATTENTION TODAY FACT THAT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY CARRIED STORY ON BAHRAIN'S REVERSING DECISION TO EXPEL MIDDLE EAST FORCE. I SPECULATED THAT SINCE ARTICLES ON THIS HAVE APPEARED ON SAME DAY IN THREE U.S. PAPERS (STATE 220102) AS WELL AS LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH, I ASSUME THIS WAS WIRE SERVICE STORY BUT HAVE NO IDEA SOURCE. WELL INFORMED WESTERN OBSERVER LOCAL SCENE TELLS US GROUP OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES PLANS TO TABLE MOTION FOR DISCUSSION GOB'S
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